The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Wednesday September 24, 2025 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Trustee Sena	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut explained that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the previously existing revolving loan fund with the Haverstraw Brick Museum. This was previously funded in the amount of $30,000 and the Brick Museum has requested that the Village increase the revolving loan fund to $100,000 to get them through the soft costs of the design phase.

The Resolution was drafted as follows:

Village of Haverstraw bridge loan agreement with the Haverstraw Brick Museum

WHEREAS, it is well established that municipalities can grant loans to non-profits whose purpose and goals are public in character; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the Museum desire to cooperate in the reconstruction and expansion of the Museum which is also located on public property owned by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village finds the Museum's purpose and existence for the public good; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to set forth their respective rights and obligations with respect to the reconstruction and expansion project and the associated grant funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. This agreement sets forth the mutual understanding between the Village of Haverstraw ("the Village") and the Haverstraw Brick Museum ("the Museum") regarding the use and repayment of the bridge loan supporting the Museum's expansion project funded under the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).

2. Use of Funds--The Village is to provide a bridge loan of up to $100,000 to the Museum. These funds are to be used solely for soft costs related to the project, including but not limited to engineering, soil sampling, and related professional services. The funds shall not be used for the purchase of equipment, furnishings, or other unapproved expenditures.

3. Repayment- The Museum agrees to repay the full amount of the bridge loan to the Village no later than December 31, 2026, or sooner if project cash flow allows.

It is understood any money due the Village will be repaid when the design phase grant money is released by the New York State. No further loans will be granted for the construction phase without a superseding agreement.

In the event the project does not move forward and the State of New York requires repayment of DRI funds, the Museum acknowledges it shall bear primary responsibility for repaying the bridge loan funds to the Village.

4. Cooperation--Both the Village and the Museum agree to work cooperatively to:

A: Seek grant extensions, amendments, or alternative funding sources before repayment becomes necessary.

B: Maintain open communication regarding project progress, expenditures, and potential risks.

5. Term- This MOU shall remain in effect until the bridge loan is fully repaid, unless otherwise amended in writing by both parties.

RESOLUTION # 195 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana

Roll Call:

Gil Carlevaro	Yes
Joel Santana	Yes
Rich Sena	Abstains
Mayor Kohut	Yes
Rafael Bueno	Absent

Motion Carries: 3-0-1

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS - None

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS - None

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION # 196 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio